

**METHOD, SYSTEM, CHAT INTERFACE, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT
FOR COMPARING FREE TIME BETWEEN INSTANT
MESSAGE CHAT MEMBERS**

Abstract of the Invention

Under the present invention, a method, system, chat interface, and program product for comparing free time between instant message chat members in order to schedule an upcoming event are provided. The method includes: storing individual calendars corresponding to each member of the chat; initiating a free time comparison; and combining the individual calendars corresponding to each member of the chat into a free time summary calendar, wherein the free time summary calendar indicates at least one of free time periods that are simultaneously available to all of the members of the chat and conflict time periods during which at least two chat members simultaneously have an event scheduled. The free time summary calendar may be viewed in day, week, and month view formats.